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FOR: HYDROGELS CAPABLE OF
ABSORBING AQUEOUS FLUIDS

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2006, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Basis for Amendment begins on page 7 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.